

- \$191,593 for Putnam Hospital Center in Final Spending Bill Sent to President -

Washington, DC – Federal funding that U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) secured for the Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel is included in the final spending bill that Congress sent to the President this week to become law. The \$191,593 secured by Congressman Hall for the hospital's Cancer Care program has survived all rounds of House-Senate appropriations negotiations and was included in the final version of the funding bill passed by both the House and the Senate this week. The President is expected to sign the legislation.

“This Cancer Care Program will allow the Putnam Hospital Center to provide access to quality cancer services closer to home so people suffering from cancer won’t be burdened with traveling long distances to receive care,” said Hall.

Putnam, the second-fastest growing county in New York, has the fourth-highest cancer death rate in the Hudson Valley according to the New York Department of Health. Putnam Hospital Center, located in the Town of Carmel, is establishing a formal oncology program to provide local access to quality cancer services for residents of Putnam County.

The comprehensive Cancer Care Program will bring assistance to Putnam that has previously only been available at considerable distances from the county, focusing on the four leading types of cancer that affect Putnam residents: breast, urological, pulmonary and digestive. The free-standing facility on the hospital campus will include new technology for diagnosing and treating cancer, as well as other services for patients and specialists.

The Senate approved the funds on Tuesday night, followed by a final House vote last night, and the President is expected to sign the measure into law in the coming days.